

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 18, 2005

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1550

Introduced by Assembly Member Arambula
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Villines)
(Coauthor: Senator Florez)

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 26613 of the Government Code, relating to traffic enforcement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1550, as amended, Arambula. Unincorporated areas: vehicle law enforcement.

Existing law authorizes the board of supervisors of a county having a population in excess of 3,000,000 persons to authorize the county sheriff, rather than the California Highway Patrol, to enforce the provisions of the Vehicle Code in the unincorporated area of the county, but only upon county highways, *and provides that the expense incurred in the performance of those duties shall be a proper county charge.*

This bill would instead specifically grant this authority to the ~~Board~~ *Boards* of Supervisors of Fresno County and Los Angeles County.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 26613 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

1 26613. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 29601, the
2 Boards of Supervisors in the Counties of Los Angeles and Fresno
3 may authorize the sheriff *to have concurrent jurisdiction* to
4 enforce the provisions of the Vehicle Code in the unincorporated
5 area of the county, but only upon county highways. The expense
6 incurred by the sheriff in the performance of those duties shall be
7 a proper county charge.

8 The sheriff shall, on or before the fifth day of each month,
9 forward to the Department of the California Highway Patrol
10 copies of all accident reports made to the sheriff's office and all
11 accident reports of accidents investigated by the sheriff's office.

12 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that there are
13 unique circumstances with respect to enforcement of the Vehicle
14 Code on ~~county roads in the unincorporated areas of Fresno~~
15 ~~County and Los Angeles County~~ *highways in the unincorporated*
16 ~~areas of Fresno County and Los Angeles County, based on high~~
17 ~~population or high county highway mileage,~~ that are not common
18 to other counties. It is therefore declared that a general law
19 cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of
20 Article IV of the Constitution, and that the enactment of this act
21 as a special law is necessary for the solution of these problems in
22 Fresno County and Los Angeles County.